

(d) CLEARINGHOUSE FOR HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.—Section 409 of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7109) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) CLEARINGHOUSE FOR HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.—The Council shall serve as a clearinghouse for information on small businesses owned and controlled by women, including research conducted by other organizations and individuals relating to ownership by women of small business concerns in the United States."

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 410(a) of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7110(a)) is amended by striking "2001 through 2003, of which \$550,000" and inserting "2007 through 2009, of which not less than 30 percent".

#### SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

(a) CHAIRPERSON.—Section 403(b) of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7103(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Not later" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) VACANCY.—In the event that a chairperson is not appointed under paragraph (1), the Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall serve as acting chairperson of the Interagency Committee until a chairperson is appointed under paragraph (1)."

(b) POLICY ADVISORY GROUP.—Section 401 of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7101) is amended—

(1) by striking "There" and inserting the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—There"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) POLICY ADVISORY GROUP.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Policy Advisory Group to assist the chairperson in developing policies and programs under this Act.

"(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Policy Advisory Group shall be composed of 7 policy making officials, of whom—

"(A) 1 shall be a representative of the Small Business Administration;

"(B) 1 shall be a representative of the Department of Commerce;

"(C) 1 shall be a representative of the Department of Labor;

"(D) 1 shall be a representative of the Department of Defense;

"(E) 1 shall be a representative of the Department of the Treasury; and

"(F) 2 shall be representatives of the Council."

(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES.—Section 401 of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7101), as amended by subsection (b), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) SUBCOMMITTEES.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established—

"(A) the Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Technology, and Training and Professional Services;

"(B) the Subcommittee on Travel, Tourism, Product and Retail Sales, and International Trade; and

"(C) the Subcommittee on Federal Procurement and Contracting.

"(2) DUTIES.—The Subcommittees established under paragraph (1) shall perform such duties as the chairperson shall direct.

"(3) MEETINGS.—The Subcommittees established under paragraph (1) shall meet not less frequently than 3 times each year to—

"(A) plan activities for the new fiscal year;

"(B) track year-to-date agency contracting goals; and

"(C) evaluate the progress during the fiscal year and prepare an annual report."

#### SEC. 6. PRESERVING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The National Women's Business Council provides an independent source of advice and policy recommendations regarding women's business development and the needs of women entrepreneurs in the United States to—

(A) the President;

(B) Congress;

(C) the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise; and

(D) the Administrator.

(2) The members of the National Women's Business Council are small business owners, representatives of business organizations, and representatives of women's business centers.

(3) The chair and ranking member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives make recommendations to the Administrator to fill 8 of the positions on the National Women's Business Council. Four of the positions are reserved for small business owners who are affiliated with the political party of the President and 4 of the positions are reserved for small business owners who are not affiliated with the political party of the President. This method of appointment ensures that the National Women's Business Council will provide Congress with non-partisan, balanced, and independent advice.

(4) In order to maintain the independence of the National Women's Business Council and to ensure that the Council continues to provide Congress with advice on a non-partisan basis, it is essential that the Council maintain the bipartisan balance established under section 407 of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7107).

(b) MAINTENANCE OF PARTISAN BALANCE.—Section 407(f) of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7107(f)), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) PARTISAN BALANCE.—When filling vacancies under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that there are an equal number of members on the Council from each of the 2 major political parties.

"(5) ACCOUNTABILITY.—If a vacancy is not filled within the 30-day period required under paragraph (1), or if there exists an imbalance of party-affiliated members on the Council for a period exceeding 30 days, the Administrator shall submit a report, not later than 10 days after the expiration of either such 30-day deadline, to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, that explains why the respective deadline was not met and provides an estimated date on which any vacancies will be filled, as applicable."

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 528—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2006, AS "NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK"

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. TALENT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr.

SANTORUM, Mr. DODD, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 528

Whereas there are 103 historically Black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities provide the quality education essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in the history of the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically Black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate,

(1) Designates the week beginning September 10, 2006, as 'National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week'; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically Black colleges and universities in the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 529—DESIGNATING JULY 13, 2006, AS "NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING DAY"

Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 529

Whereas all students experience measurable loss of mathematics and reading skills when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer months;

Whereas summer learning loss is greatest for low-income children, who often lack the academic enrichment opportunities available to their more affluent peers;

Whereas summer learning loss contributes significantly to the gaps in achievement between low-income children, including minority children and children with limited English proficiency, and their more affluent peers;

Whereas structured enrichment and education programs are proven to accelerate learning for students who participate in such programs for several weeks during the summer;

Whereas in the BELL summer programs, students gain several months worth of reading and mathematics skills through summer enrichment, and in the Teach Baltimore Summer Academy, students enrolled for 2 summers gain 70 to 80 percent of a full grade level in reading, and thousands of students in similar programs experience measurable gains in academic achievement;

Whereas Summer Learning Day is designed to highlight the need for more young people to be engaged in summer learning activities and to support local summer programs that

benefit children, families, and communities; and

Whereas a wide array of schools, public agencies, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, museums, libraries, and summer camps in many States across the United States will celebrate the annual Summer Learning Day on July 13, 2006; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 13, 2006, as “National Summer Learning Day” to raise public awareness about the positive impact of summer learning opportunities on the development and educational success of our Nation’s children;

(2) urges the people of the United States—

(A) to promote summer learning activities to send young people back to school ready to learn;

(B) to support working parents and their children; and

(C) to keep our Nation’s children safe and healthy during the summer months; and

(3) urges communities to celebrate, with appropriate ceremonies and activities, the importance of high-quality summer learning opportunities in the lives of young students and their families.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 109—COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR ITS RENEWED COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 109

Whereas twenty-four Canadian citizens were killed as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States;

Whereas the people of Gander, Newfoundland, provided food, clothing, and shelter to thousands of stranded passengers and temporary aircraft parking to thirty-nine planes diverted from United States airspace as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States;

Whereas the Government of Canada, as led by former Prime Ministers Jean Jacques Chretien and Paul Martin and continued by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has provided humanitarian, diplomatic, and security personnel on the invitation of the Government of Afghanistan since 2001;

Whereas Canada has pledged \$650,000,000 in development aid to Afghanistan;

Whereas Afghanistan is Canada’s largest recipient of bilateral development aid;

Whereas Canada has stationed approximately 2,300 defense personnel who comprise Task Force Afghanistan, in order to improve security in southern Afghanistan, particularly in the province of Kandahar;

Whereas Canada has over 70 diplomatic officers worldwide who are dedicated to growing democracy and equality in Afghanistan;

Whereas at least seventeen Canadians have made the ultimate sacrifice in operations in Afghanistan since September 11, 2001;

Whereas Canada’s commitment to the Government of Afghanistan, under the leadership of Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, was due to expire in February 2007;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Government of Canada led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper requested that the Canadian House of Commons extend Canada’s commitment to peace and security operations in Afghanistan;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Canadian Parliament voted to extend peace and security operations in Afghanistan until 2009, to in-

crease its development assistance by \$310 million, and to build a permanent and secure embassy in Afghanistan to replace its current facility; and

Whereas this was an important sign of the renewed commitment of numerous United States allies to Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That Congress—

(1) commends the Government of Canada for its renewed and long-term commitment to Afghanistan;

(2) commends the leadership of former Canadian Prime Ministers Jean Jacques Chretien and Paul Martin and current Prime Minister Stephen Harper for their steadfast commitment to democracy, human rights, and freedom throughout the world;

(3) commends the Government of Canada for working to secure a democratic Afghanistan;

(4) commends the Government of Canada’s commitment to reducing poverty, aiding the counternarcotics efforts through counterterrorism and counterinsurgency campaigns, and ensuring a peaceful and terror-free Afghanistan;

(5) commends the Government of Canada for its three-pronged commitment to Afghanistan: diplomacy, development, and defense; and

(6) expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the United States for Canada’s enduring friendship and leadership in Afghanistan.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4643. Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

SA 4644. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4645. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4646. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4647. Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4648. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4649. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4650. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4651. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4652. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4653. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4654. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DEWINE, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4655. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4656. Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4657. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4658. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4659. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4660. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4661. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4662. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4663. Mr. DAYTON (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4664. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4665. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4666. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4667. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4668. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5441, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4669. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4670. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. KYL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4671. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4672. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. NELSON, of Florida)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4673. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4674. Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5441, supra.

SA 4675. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3525, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.